



Greetings and thank you for taking time to learn more about the Gateway School as a possible placement for your child or student. Selecting the right program is crucial to helping student's flourish and reach his/her full potential. The goal of the Gateway School is to provide a safe and nurturing educational environment for our students.

Below is a checklist of our academic and support services to help gain a better understanding of our programs and practices. Should you have any additional questions about our program, please feel free to call us or send me an email at [jonesk@thegatewayschool.com](mailto:jonesk@thegatewayschool.com)

We look forward to meeting with you and providing you with a tour of our school building.

*-Kevin Jones, Principal at the Gateway School, Carteret, New Jersey*

## Program Highlights:

### Serving the Special Needs community for over 40 Years

#### Full year, wrap around services

- Full-day ESY, Extended School Year, program
- Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:30am-2:30 pm
- All programming including related services/therapies continue as per student's IEP

#### Seven (7) Classrooms

- All designated as Multiply Disabled
- Arranged by age and ability
- Lead teachers are certified as Teacher of the Handicapped or Elementary K-6 with TOSD (Teacher of Students with Disabilities) endorsement
- Low student: staff ratios
- Chromebooks/iPads in every classroom

#### Full-time related services, therapeutic staff

- Program includes speech, occupational therapy, physical therapy and/or counseling as per student's IEP

#### BCBA, Board Certified Behavior Analyst

- Works with all classroom teams on creating and implementing behavior and motivation plans



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## **Partnership with Rutgers University (UBHC)**

- Psychiatrist on site one day per week and clinician on site two days per week

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## **Transition Program**

- Transition Coordinator, Social Worker, and Parent Liaison available to work with families on procuring external services

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## **CBI, Community Based Instruction, and WBL, Work Based Learning**

- Classes participate in learning opportunities at local businesses and organizations
- Upon turning fourteen-year-old students enter our Transition Program
  - At fourteen years old students begin working with the Transition Coordinator and Job Coach on job readiness skills and career exploration at school
  - At sixteen years old students participate in on-site work experiences based on his/her abilities

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## **Integrated STEM, Science Technology Engineering Math, Program**

- Highly engaging, hands-on learning activities

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## **Special Areas offered**

- Adaptive Physical Education, Music, and Art

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## **Functional/Independent Skills Learning**

- ADL (Activities of Daily Living) Room
  - Kitchen for food prep, safety, and etiquette
  - Full bathroom for learning hygiene
  - Laundry and living space for clothing and other personal care

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## **Participation in Special Olympics**

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## **Staff trained in CPI, Crisis Prevention and Intervention**

- De-escalation and redirection strategies